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The University of Montana in Missoula is continuing to sponsor a "pilot program" enabling high school students to take college courses for a minimal fee at UM. The program is designed to provide both a challenge for advanced students and an opportunity for all interested students to experience what college classes are like.

The pilot educational program, offered through the UM Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs (CCESP), is open to all high school students, although juniors and seniors are preferred. Cost of the program, which runs through the summer and the regular academic year, is \$21 per course. A maximum of two courses can be taken per quarter.

In order for a student to take a University course under the pilot program, he must have the approval of one of his parents, the high school principal and the University professor teaching the course. All college courses are available to high school students who have the proper prerequisites.

Credits earned by high school students enrolled in the pilot program at UM can be applied toward a college degree and are transferable to accredited colleges and universities. Courses taken at UM do not apply toward high school graduation requirements, however.

Cinda Purdy, the pilot program coordinator for the CCESP, said that the program for high school students has worked "exceptionally well" since its inception in the spring quarter of 1973 on the Missoula campus. According to Purdy, many of the high school students have done very well academically in the college courses, most having received A's and B's.

Purdy said that the program is beginning to expand, with 20-30 high school students participating each quarter. While most of the students are from Missoula during the regular academic year, the UM Summer Session attracts high school students from such states as Colorado and Wyoming and the Canadian provinces in addition to those from various Montana communities.

The UM pilot educational program for high school students has proven successful, according to Purdy, because it gives students the opportunity to pursue courses which they find "academically stimulating." She said the program is valuable because it gives the high school student the opportunity to start on a college program and "get a feel for college without actually being committed" to pursuing higher education on a full-time basis.

Students interested in the program are urged to visit with their high school counselors, or to contact Cinda Purdy, Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs, Room 107, Main Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801. The CCESP phone number at UM is 243-2900.

Dr. Patricia P. Douglas is director of the CCESP.

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